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SUBJ: OVERFLIGHTS OF TURKEY

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1. REF (B) INDICATES F-4 AIRCRAFT SCHEDULED FOR DELIVERY TO IRAN WILL BE HELD IN US PENDING CLARIFICATION TURKISH ATTITUDE TOWARDS OVERFLIGHTS OF MUNITONS AND AIRCRAFT FOR THIRD COUNTRIES. IN ADDITION TO F-4S, IRAN EXPECTS DELIVERY IN COMING WEEKS OF F-5 AIRCRAFT, HELICOPTERS AND SUPPORTING EQUIPMENT FOR IHAWK PROGRAM. ALL OF THESE ITEMS ARE DEEMED URGENTLY NEEDED BY IRANIAN MILITARY LEADERSHIP. THEY WILL BE SHARPLY CONCERNED IF DELIVERIES ARE IMPEDED BY US-TURKISH BILATERAL PROBLEM. ALTERNATE MEANS OF DELIVERY WILL BE EXPENSIVE AND INCONVENIENT.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER ESENBEL WILL VISIT IRAN NEXT WEEK. IRANIANS MAY BE ABLE TO EXERCISE SOME INFLUENCE WITH HIM IN ORDER TO KEEP DELIVERY CORRIDOR OPEN. IF DEPARTMENT BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL, WE COULD PROVIDE IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY WITH BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND SUGGESTED POINTS THEY

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